

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 79**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi**

June 3, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 79, as introduced, Hayashi. Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 580, between Strobbridge Avenue and East Castro Valley Boulevard, as the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai of Castro Valley was born April 6,
- 2 1973, and grew up in Big Bear in San Bernardino County, where
- 3 he developed a love for everything outdoors; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai moved to the San Francisco Bay Area
- 5 to attend the University of California at Berkeley, where he
- 6 received a degree in 1996 in forestry and natural resources and
- 7 also worked as a community service officer; and
- 8 WHEREAS, After graduating from the university, Daniel Sakai
- 9 spent a year in Japan teaching English; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai attended the Oakland Police
- 11 Department Academy, where he met his soulmate and future wife,
- 12 Jennifer; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai quickly rose to the rank of sergeant
- 14 of police and served the Oakland Police Department in various

1 roles, including as a patrol officer, canine handler, patrol rifle and  
2 academy firearms instructor, and special weapons and tactics  
3 (SWAT) team member; and

4 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai was described as a “special young  
5 man who was clearly a born leader. He was committed to public  
6 service and making a difference in other people’s lives”; and

7 WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai was also described as a “person that  
8 everyone looked up to and wanted to be. He had the highest ethics”;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The best day of Daniel Sakai’s life was on March  
11 31, 2005, when his daughter JoJiye was born; and

12 WHEREAS, On March 21, 2009, Sergeant Daniel Sakai was  
13 killed, along with another SWAT team member, Sergeant Ervin  
14 Romans, when the SWAT team attempted to apprehend a suspect  
15 that had earlier in the day shot and killed Sergeant Mark Dunakin  
16 and mortally wounded Officer John Hege, both of the Oakland  
17 Police Department, during a traffic stop; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
20 hereby recognizes the contributions made by Sergeant Daniel Sakai  
21 of the Oakland Police Department to the people of the State of  
22 California and hereby designates the portion of State Highway  
23 Route 580, between Strobbridge Avenue and East Castro Valley  
24 Boulevard, as the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway; and  
25 be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
27 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.